(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The National Commission on Cattle constituted by Government of India in its report has observed that increasing number of cattle in general and cow and its progeny in particular roaming on the streets of towns and cities as stray cattle is a serious menace to the environment, transport system and general living of the people. To regulate, control, remove and maintain stray cattle wandering on streets and roadsides without owners, the Commission recommended that stray cattle be kept in cattle houses or cattle compounds to be maintained by the local self government institutions, Municipalities and Panchayats. The recommendation of the Commission has been sent to all the State Governments for implementation. The Ministry of Environment and Forests is also implementing a scheme "for provision of shelter house for looking after the animals" for welfare of animals including stray animals.

Construction of rural godowns

4650. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1862 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 2005 and state:

(a) the number of storage projects which have been sanction by NCDC and NABARD;

(b) the number of godowns which have actually been constructed alongwith the details of the subsidy given to the owners of the godowns; and

(c) the future plan of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Under the Central Sector Scheme for the Construction/Renovation of Rural Godowns, as on 31st March, 2005, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned 7107 projects of 113.614 lakh tonne capacity. Similarly, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has sanctioned 954 projects for construction of new rural godowns with a capacity of 9.010 lakh tonnes and 1422 projects for renovation of coop. godowns with a capacity of 19.205 lakh tonne.

(b) So far, 1678 rural godowns (1433 sanctioned by NABARD and 245 sanctioned by NCDC) have been constructed with Central subsidy of Rs. 157.73 crore. Details are given in the enclosed statement I and II (*see* below).

(c) Government has approved implementation of the scheme upto March, 2007. It is envisaged to achieve a target of creation of new storage capacity of 36.00 lakh tonne and renovation of 4.00 lakh tonne of cooperative storage projects with central outlay of Rs. 130 crore during remaining period of the Xth Plan.

Statement-I

Details of subsidy released by NABARD & number of godowns constructed/completed

(Rural godowns scheme)

S.No.	State	Total subsidy released (Rs. in Lakhs)	No. of godowns constructed/ completed
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6578.218	383
2.	Assam	1.502	3
3.	Chhatisgarh	363.988	31
4.	Gujarat	344.728	182
5.	Haryana	1745.174	82
6.	Karnataka	737.918	342
7.	Kerala	4.880	4
8.	Madhya Pradesh	743.842	73
9.	Maharashtra	732.220	109
10.	Orissa	522.516	31
11.	Punjab	2170.380	159
12.	Rajasthan	71.066	4
13.	Tamil Nadu	40.297	7
14.	Uttar Pradesh	477.424	17
15.	Uttranchal	8.940	2
16.	West Bengal	75.000	4
	TOTAL	14618.093	1433

Statement-II

Details of subsidy released by NCDC & number of godowns constructed/completed

(Rural godown scheme)

S.No.	State	Total subsidy released (Rs. in Lakhs)	No. of godowns constructed/ completed
1.	Uttar Pradesh	209.16	11
2.	Gujarat	29.73	2
3.	Madhya Pradesh	254.990	101
4.	Maharashtra	84.94	8
5.	Haryana	8.990	1
6.	Uttranchal	26.625	7
7.	Kerala	24.995	7
8.	Chhatisgarh	477.880	77
9.	Tamil Nadu	17.990	1
10.	Himachal Pradesh	19.998	30
	TOTAL	**1155.298**	**245**

Procurement of oil palm from Karnataka

4651. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre had procured oil palm from Karnataka during 2000-01;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that full amount for the procurement made has not been released, so far; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and by when the balance amount would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the request of Government of Karnataka, the Central Government implemented Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of 5000 Metric Tonnes Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFBs) of oil palm in Karnataka at the Market Intervention Price of